

Hess Hawkeye Pipeline System Project Notification

BLM Notice of Right-of-Way Application

Under the provisions of Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for a right-of-way (ROW) application for the proposed Hawkeye Pipeline Project (project). This notice, pursuant to Section 102(2)(D)(IV) of NEPA, solicits the views and comments of private and governmental stakeholders in order to ensure that potential socioeconomic and environmental issues are considered and addressed.

The BLM is the designated lead federal agency for preparation of the EA for this project. Agencies with legal jurisdiction or special expertise have been invited to participate as cooperating agencies in preparation of the EA. Currently, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) - McKenzie Ranger District, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) – Riverdale, North Dakota, Office, have agreed to participate as cooperating agencies.

Hawkeye Pipeline Project Information

The applicant, Hess Corporation (Hess), has filed a ROW application proposing to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission the proposed project on federal lands in McKenzie and Williams Counties, North Dakota, as shown in Attachment 1.

The proposed project would include the construction of an approximately 25.5-mile-long pipeline system consisting of the following four segments:

- **Segment A** (10.6 miles): Hawkeye to North Charlson (South Side of the Lake) consisting of the conversion of an existing 8" HP Gas line to NGL service and installation of new 10" HP Oil and 12" HP Gas lines as well as two (2) 24 strand fiber optic lines.
- **Segment B** (2.5 miles) North Charlson (South Side of the Lake) to North Side of the Lake including tie-ins into three (3) existing 8" lines under Lake Sakakawea for HP Gas, HP Oil and NGL's as well as installation of two (2) 24 strand fiber optic lines.
- **Segment C** (2.4 miles) North Side of the Lake to Hofflund including conversion of an existing 8" HP Gas line to NGL service and construction of new 10" HP Oil and 12" HP Gas lines as well as two (2) 24 strand fiber optic lines.
- **Segment D** (10.1 miles) Hofflund to Ramberg (HP Oil) and Silurian (HP Gas and NGL's) including conversion of an existing 10" HP Gas line to NGL service and construction of new 10" HP Oil and 12" HP Gas lines as well as two (2) 24 strand fiber optic lines.

The proposed Hawkeye pipeline system would transport oil, gas and NGL from the existing Hawkeye Central Station through a transfer point at the existing North Charlson Compressor Station located south of Lake Sakakawea (Segment A). The system would use existing pipelines to transport oil, gas and NGL beneath Lake Sakakawea to the North River Crossing Compressor Station located north of Lake Sakakawea (Segment B). From the North River Compressor Station the pipelines would trend north before terminating at either the existing Hess Ramberg Truck Facility or the Silurian Compressor station, located approximately 8



and 7 miles respectively south of Tioga, Williams County, North Dakota (Segments C & D). All connection points would occur within existing Hess facilities.

In total, approximately 3.5 miles of the proposed alignment occurs on federal land. The remaining alignment is proposed on private land and State of North Dakota-owned lands.

The proposed pipeline would be buried and follow existing pipeline and utility easements to the extent practicable.

Purpose of BLM's Notice

The purpose of the notice process is to obtain feedback on relevant issues that may influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the process for developing the EA. BLM, USFS, and USACE personnel have preliminarily identified the following issues that will be addressed in the EA: potential impacts to surface water and groundwater from an accidental release of oil during pipeline operation; the use of existing pipelines on the lake bed; plant and animal species including special and sensitive status species; cultural resources and historic properties; noxious weeds; migratory birds; soils and hydrology; socioeconomic impacts, and environmental justice. The BLM is providing notice of the proposed Hawkeye Pipeline Project and welcomes all comments on the proposed project for consideration in the EA. BLM will use the NEPA public participation requirements to assist the agency in satisfying the public involvement requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)(16 U.S.C 470(f) pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). The information about cultural resources within the area potentially affected by the proposed Hess Hawkeye project will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources in the context of both NEPA and Section 106 of NHPA.

We will keep you informed of decisions resulting from the EA analysis. The EA will be made available on the BLM's website at:

http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/north_dakota_field.html

Written comments and/or resource information can be mailed to*:

BLM North Dakota Field Office
Attention: Lowell Hassler, Project Manager
Hawkeye Pipeline Project
99 23rd Avenue West, Suite A
Dickinson, North Dakota 58601

Comments also can be submitted electronically at lhassler@blm.gov.

The BLM must receive all written comments and information by April 11, 2013, in order to ensure that such comments and information are fully considered during the preparation of the EA.

DISCLAIMER: *Entire comments, including personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. You may ask the BLM, in your comment, to withhold such information from public review; however, the BLM cannot guarantee that will be possible."*

** Facsimile comments will not be accepted. Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, at the BLM North Dakota Field Office, 99 23rd Avenue West, Suite A, Dickinson, ND 58601.*